

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 9, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

ACS hosts Parent Info Exchange

Army Community Service will present a Parent Information Exchange, or PIE, on Wednesday, May 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., building 2754. The PIE will offer parents the opportunity to meet Reeshemah Bugg, the new Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator. The meeting also will address the needs and concerns of military families enrolled in the EFMP. Childcare will be provided. For more information or to register to attend PIE, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-7474 or 7478.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit on Tuesday, May 8, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level).

The representative will be available in the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, CPAC.

New library hours

Effective May 13, the operating hours of the **Aberdeen Area library** will be Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Asian-Pacific luncheon set for May 23

Tickets are on sale for Aberdeen Proving Ground's annual Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon to be held at Top of the Day on May 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mirza J. Maroof, chair of

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Harford County, APG combine forces for Earth Day

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In harmony with the U.S. Army Environmental Center 2001 Earth Day slogan, "Transforming the Army ... Sustaining the environment," Aberdeen Proving Ground reaffirmed its commitment to the stewardship of its lands and waterways during Harford County's 2001 Earth Day celebration at Swan Harbor Farm on April 21.

Several post organizations teamed with local organizations to provide a day of learning and fun for participants who came out to enjoy the overcast yet warm day on the rolling hills of the picturesque farm.

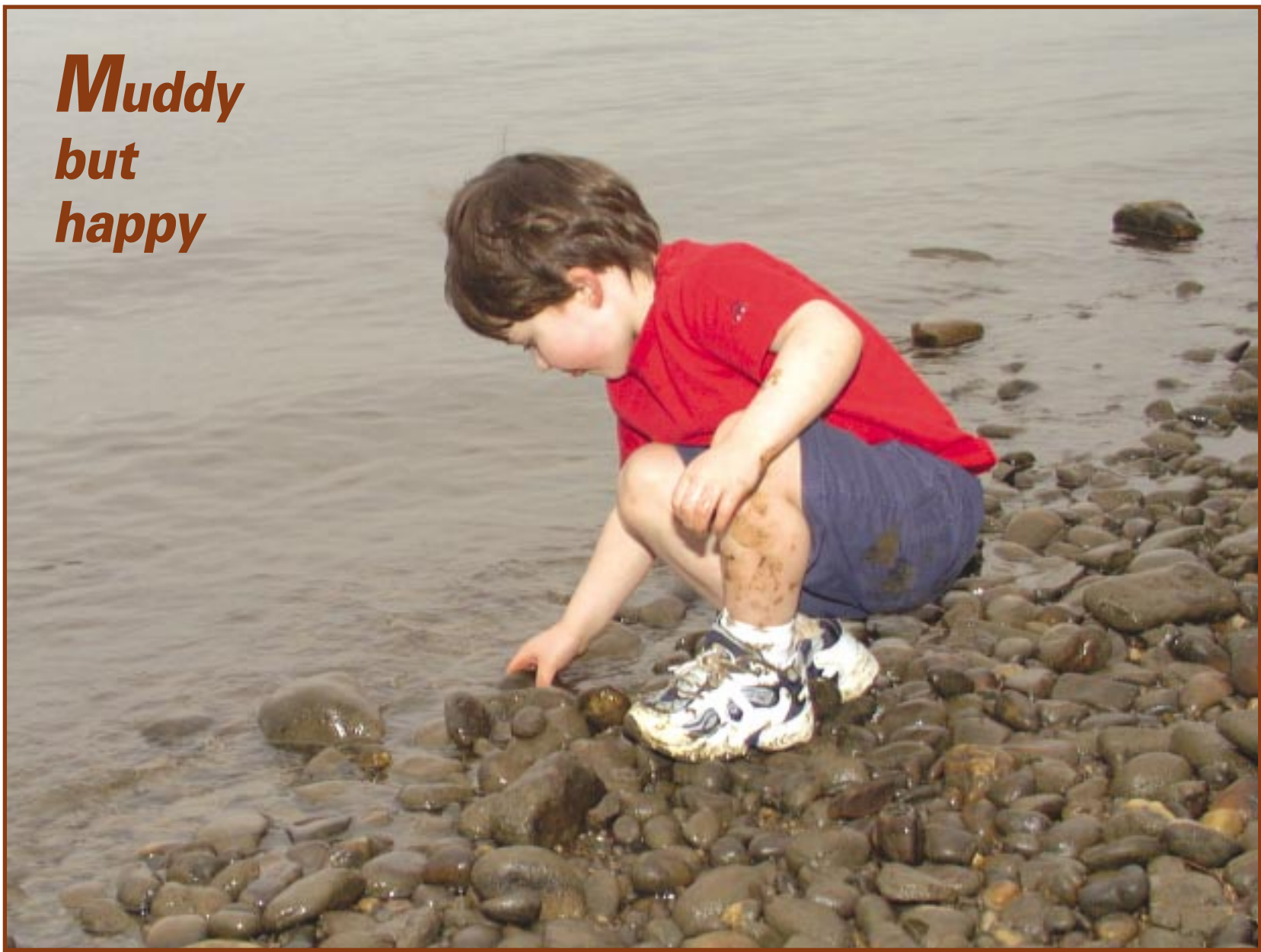
Hosted by Craig Lanphear, Harford County Earth Day committee chair, the event consisted of earth-friendly information booths, nature walks, children's activities and a ceremonial tree planting by post and local leaders.

"This is a tremendous day, Lanphear said. "Our exhibitors are committed to sharing information with people willing to come out and learn more about the environment and what they can do to help it along."

Post and local leaders participated in the planting of an Eastern Redbud tree, native to the eastern woodlands. Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander and Lt. Col. Thomas Friendak, USAEC led the planting.

"This event was the perfect

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Johnny Hoefler, 3, the son of John Hoefler, an employee with Aberdeen Proving Ground's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, demonstrates a pure appreciation for water and mud as he searches for rocks to toss in the bay while he and dad take a break from the festivities at Swan Harbor Farm during the Harford County Earth Day 2001 Celebration.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Patriot Village incident leads to confusion

No explosive device found

By Sheila Little
APG News

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security received a call regarding a possible explosive device in a mail drop box located near Pledge Court in the Patriot Village Housing Area on April 26, at 2:45 p.m. Police and Criminal Investigation Command personnel immediately cordoned off the area, searched the site and interviewed the caller and others in the area.

Since school buses were already returning to installation neighborhoods, and the site was under investigation, buses were turned away from the area. Some buses returned to the schools with Patriot Village students and some dropped off students at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center.

Misinformation and no information led to rumors and confusion as parents and schools tried to sort through the communication snafu.

By the time the situation was resolved at 5 p.m., many parents and school officials were upset about the handling of a potentially serious situation.

"I can assure you that our intent was solely to protect our children, but the execution was obviously lacking," said Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander.

Spidel said the person who reported what was thought to be a possible explosive in the mail box did the right thing.

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Photo courtesy APG PHOTO LAB

Connie Kerr, left, accepts a plaque from Garrison Commander Col. Robert J. Spidel, after being named Secretary of the Year for APG Garrison. Kerr, who also received a monetary award, was among 15 garrison secretaries who competed for the honor.

Connie Kerr named top secretary for APG Garrison

By Sheila Little
APG News

If you never forget a meeting, are on time, and always have the information you need at your finger tips, chances are it's because you have a great secretary.

In observance of the 49th annual National Administrative Professionals Week, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Commander Col. Robert J. Spidel joined with garrison directorate and division chiefs in the Powers Conference Room of the Ryan Building, 314, April 25, to honor 15 vying for top honors as Professional Secretary of the Year for U.S. Army Garrison, APG.

Spidel said a once-a-year observance was not enough to recognize the contributions of individuals who are often tasked to manage multiple projects, schedule meetings, supervise and train others, create presentations, maintain computer databases, make travel arrangements and many other tasks.

"We ought to recognize you every day for everything you do," he said.

Addressing secretaries and acknowledging that they often offer suggestions and resolve issues before they reach the boss, Spidel said, "You're like the point man in an infantry squadron. Many times we get shielded by you."

He said that when the boss is gone, things often run smoothly, "but if you have no secretary available, things rapidly become chaotic."

Garrison supervisors nominated 15 women for top honors this year. All nominees wore corsages donated by Dee's Florists, and received

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Ordnance Corps to celebrate 189th birthday

By E. C. Starnes
OC&S

With all the appropriate pomp and pageantry, the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps will celebrate its 189th birthday during Ordnance Week 2001 at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The Ordnance Corps was created on May 14, 1812 by an Act of Congress.

Activities are scheduled for May 8 through May 13 and will include an Ordnance Corps Association-sponsored golf tournament, the signing of prints of the Ordnance Corps' latest historical painting, conferences of the senior officer, warrant officer, noncommissioned officer and civilian leadership of the Corps, an anniversary review, induction of Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame members for 2001, and officer and NCO balls.

Stivers' print unveiling

The week will kick off Thursday evening at the Ordnance Museum as noted artist Don Stivers will unveil his latest in a series of Ordnance Corps paintings. The 6:30 p.m. event will take place at the Ordnance Museum.

Stivers will be at the Museum at 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, to sign prints. Prints will be sold for \$150 at both events.

The latest painting depicts the Ordnance Corps in action at the Battle of Veracruz during the Mexican War. It is entitled, "Service on the Line" and is the second in a three-part series dedicated to "Service to the line, on the line, on time." The first painting, which was sold out, depicted

the Ordnance Corps during the Civil War. (See page 9 for information on the battle of Veracruz.)

Ordnance Corps golf tournament

The 4th Annual Ordnance Corps Association Golf Tournament will be played at Ruggles Golf Course and will feature a four-person best ball captain's choice format. Registration is at 8 a.m., a rules briefing is at 8:30 a.m. and the tournament begins at 9 a.m. There will be several prizes and awards, with a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize.

For more information, call the association at 410-272-8540.

For rain information on the day of the tournament, call 410-278-4794.

Ordnance leadership conferences/meetings

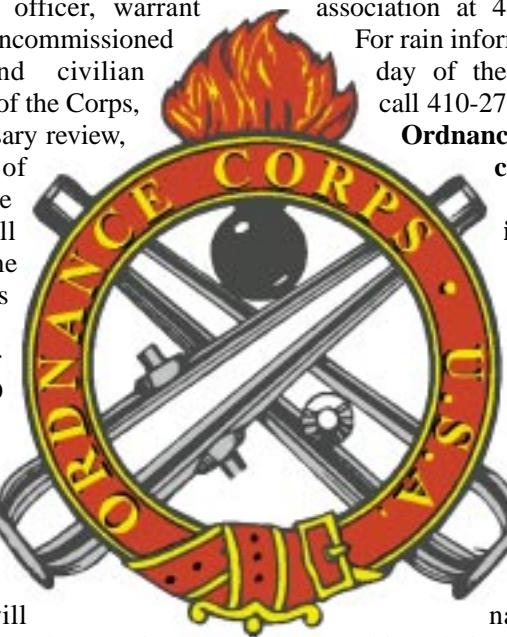
On Thursday and Friday the senior leadership of the Ordnance Corps will discuss issues affecting the Ordnance Corps and its role in the future.

The Ordnance Senior Officer Advisory Meeting, the Ordnance Senior Warrant Officer Advisory Meeting, and the Ordnance Senior Enlisted Advisory Conference will feature briefings and demonstrations as the senior officers, warrant officers, sergeants major and civilians gather at the home of ordnance.

Equipment display

The public is invited to view some of the latest projects and equipment involving the Ordnance Corps from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, in the parking area at the intersection of Havre de Grace Street and

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APG perch poachers sentenced

1,400 pounds of perch seized

By Sheila Little
APG News

Two men caught netting yellow perch during the spawning season in Aberdeen Proving Ground waters four years ago, received sentences in U.S. District Court that included fines, probation and forfeiture of equipment.

An announcement of the sentence handed down as a result of the pair’s illegal harvest of an estimated 1,400 pounds of the protected species, was released earlier this month.

Michael and Robert Maddox, both of Baltimore, were the subjects of a cooperative interstate investigation conducted by Marine and Wildlife law enforcement officials from APG, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Bill Armstrong, special agent with the Marine Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement Division, a division of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, said incidents of people taking yellow perch in Maryland waters has increased

over the last several years due to a depleted supply of yellow perch in Lake Erie and other waters in the Ohio area.

Armstrong said Ohio officials noted an increased amount of yellow perch coming into the state and determined that Maryland was the source.

“APG has a tremendous commercial fishery,” Armstrong said. “Close coordination with officials from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and installation personnel helps us protect our waters.”

After notification from Ohio officials, the Maddox’s were observed using commercial nets to take the protected species over a 12-day period in February 1997 in the midst of perch spawning season.

The Maddox’s pled guilty to one count each of violating the Federal Lacey Act, 18 USC 3372 (a), for illegally taking and possessing yellow perch during the closed season.

“This is the first application of the Lacey Act on an Army instal-

lation,” Armstrong said.

Michael Maddox, 52, and Robert Maddox, 31, were sentenced to one year of probation, including a special restriction against fishing in APG waters, and forfeiture of the boat and commercial fishing nets used in the illegal operation. Michael Maddox was fined \$1,000, Robert Maddox was fined \$500.

Armstrong said that after the arrest at APG, the confiscated fish were used to assist in a successful sting operation in Ohio, nabbing those responsible for the illegal purchase of yellow perch.

Afterward, the fish were donated to shelters and soup kitchens.

Armstrong said cooperation was key to the capture and prosecution of the fishermen, and commended the U.S. Army and the installation command for supporting all phases of the arrest, seizure, and prosecution.

He added that APG enjoys an excellent working relationship with the U.S. Attorney’s office in Baltimore. “They were extremely helpful,” Armstrong said.



Photo courtesy of APG MARINE, WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

APG Police Officer Matt Stewart, far left, and Spc. 4 Ryan Wolfe, seated, take part in the release of yellow perch illegally netted in APG waters. Maryland State Department of Natural Resources officials and local fishermen are also pictured.

Vintage ‘SUV’ ready to roll

Ticket sales brisk for vintage vehicle

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Ordnance Museum Foundation, Inc. is raffling a vintage 1966 Volvo 4-wheel drive Swedish Military Ambulance. The Laplander field ambulance is a 4-cylinder, gas-powered truck with a dual range 4-speed manual transmission.

It is easily maintained and perfectly legal to drive on U.S. roads, said Rich Carnegie, the foundation’s chair.

Raffle tickets are on sale at the Ordnance Museum gift shop and will be available during the Military Vehicle Rally to be held May 8 to 12 on the Maryland Boulevard field opposite Ruggles Golf Course. Tickets cost \$5 or six for \$25.

“The drawing is limited to 4,000 chances so your odds of winning are actually pretty good,” Carnegie said. “Some buyers already are wondering what they’ll do with it if they win.”

Pete Gentry, a restorer who



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

The Ordnance Museum Foundation is raffling a vintage 1966 Volvo four-wheel drive Swedish Military Ambulance with a four-cylinder motor and dual range four-speed manual transmission. It is described as a “fully operational SUV,” its estimated value is \$7,000. Raffle tickets cost \$5 or six tickets for \$25 and may be purchased at the Ordnance Museum gift shop. The drawing is Saturday, May 12, 3 p.m. at the Military Vehicle Rally on the Maryland Boulevard field opposite Ruggles Golf Course. The winner does not have to be present to win. Proceeds benefit the Ordnance Museum building fund.

owned two of the vehicles, donated the ambulance to the foundation.

“It really is a fully operational SUV,” Carnegie said, adding the

winner can keep it, resell it or donate it back to the organization.

The vehicle will remain on display inside the museum until the day of the drawing when it will be

moved to the site of the rally. The drawing is May 12 at 3 p.m. Purchasers need not be present to win. Proceeds go to the Ordnance Museum Building Fund.

Improving communications is future focus

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“If someone suspects something is not normal, they should report the incident,” he said.

A meeting to discuss and implement measures to correctly handle future situations took place May 1.

“We will conduct exercises which will enable us to practice events like this and better prepare us for the next time,” Spidel said, and added that he accepts responsibility for subsequent confusion.

“Not knowing where your children are can be very traumatic,” he said. “We will coordinate our own actions and ensure we improve our communication with the local schools.”

AMSAA dedicates building to Abraham Golub



Abraham Golub
May 16, 1921 - April 25, 2000

By Jane Lyons
USAMSAA

The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity will dedicate its building 367 to the late Abraham Golub, a leader in the operations research community, June 18, 1 p.m.

Abraham Golub’s career began in 1941 when he went to work, as a production engineer for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

He entered active service with the Army in 1943 serving at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He began working in the Ballistics Team at APG where he developed surveillance techniques for the Army’s ammunition stockpiles.

Later, he developed techniques for cost-effectiveness analyses as part of the Ballistics Research Laboratory Weapon Systems Lab, which would later become the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity.

He was appointed to the first senior-level operations research position of the Army General Staff and worked to establish other senior positions throughout the Army.

There was no military operations research, as such, in the U.S. Army when Golub began his career. As a tireless advocate for the application of quantitative techniques to developing military requirements, Golub is remembered as a pioneer in the operations research systems analysis community

He retired in 1976 with over 35 years of service.

If you would like to attend the event, call 410-278-6614.

Annual competition honors 15

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nine-hour time-off awards in recognition of their professional performance throughout the year.

This year’s Garrison Secretary of the Year is Connie Kerr of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment. Kerr began her career nearly 15 years ago as a temporary employee at the former Army Environmental Hygiene Agency in the Edgewood Area. Transferring to the Installation Safety Office, now DSHE, she has been employed in the Aberdeen Area of APG for nearly 14 years.

Kerr said she was very surprised and described it as “a great honor” to win recognition as Garrison Secretary of the Year.

“It’s real special just to be nominated,” Kerr said, and added that she enjoys working on the installation with good people.

Kerr singled out her supervisor, John Hayden, for his efforts toward helping her get the Secretary of the Year award.

“I’m grateful for his recognition,” Kerr said. “I couldn’t ask for a better boss.”

Hayden, her supervisor for the last four years, said he was pleased that Kerr was recognized “for doing a great job every day.”

Hayden said that in addition to “doing everything she can” to be the best every day, Kerr willingly shares her information, knowledge and way of doing things with others. For the last two years, Kerr has worked with Harford Community College, taking an administrative assistant student under her wing for a two-week period each semester, sharing the informa-

tion she has picked up over the years, assisting HCC students in becoming great administrative aides.

“I have the best secretary in the garrison and everybody knows that now,” Hayden said.

In addition to the time-off award, Kerr receives a prime parking spot to be marked with a sign highlighting her achievement as Secretary of the Year, \$500, and a certificate and a plaque noting her achievement.

Melinda Hill, also of DSHE, was named first runner up. She was nominated by Ray McDermott. Hill receives \$300, and a certificate and plaque.

Second runner up is Janet Dettwiler of the Office of the Adjutant, nominated by David Burdick. Dettwiler, named Secretary of the Year in 1995, receives \$200 in addition to a certificate and plaque.

APG Garrison and tenant organizations have been honoring secretaries throughout the installation since 1993.

Recognizing all nominees, Spidel described each as a winner, and thanked Diane Siler, garrison equal employment opportunity specialist, for organizing this year’s event.

He and Siler recognized and thanked the panel whose members determined the winner from applications (which were sanitized to delete names and organizations) submitted by the nominees supervisors.

This year’s panel consisted of Veronica Brown of U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, Zada Stallings of U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Penny White, U.S. Army Garrison, APG.



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Those nominated for secretary of the year for the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground are, from left, Janice (Ginger) Neal, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Kathleen Thisse, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, Secretary of the Year Connie Kerr of DSHE, Terry Leight, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, Valerie Jefferson, Directorate of Public Works, Cheryl Rickey, DLES, second runner-up Janet Dettwiler of the Office of the Adjutant, Sharon White of DPW, Sadie Hose of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, Chris Vasquez, Internal Review and Audit Compliance, JoAnne Schweibinz, Directorate of Resource Management, and Angela Grinage, DCFA. Ray McDermott stands in for his secretary, Melinda Hill, DSHE, named second runner-up. Col. Spidel stands on the far right. Nominees absent from the photo in addition to Hill are Sharon Heidtman, DLES, and Teresa Porter, DPW.

NAF workers compete for Employee of the Year awards

APG acknowledges those who deliver outstanding customer service

By Sheila Little

APG News

The sixth annual Nonappropriated Funds Employees of the Year Awards Ceremony took place at Top of the Bay April 17. The awards recognize NAF employees who are committed to offering excellent service throughout the year. Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander and deputy installation commander acknowledged the contributions of each employee and thanked them for their many contributions throughout the installation.

Acknowledging funding short-ages and the challenges involved with the commercial activities study, Spidel assured the employees that those at the highest levels recognize the abilities of the NAF employees at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

“APG is one of the top NAF centers in the U.S. Army Materiel Command, and you deserve a great deal of credit for achieving and maintaining this level of excellence,” he said.

Roy Ballinger, director of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said the installation employs up to 500 NAF employees throughout the year. The annual event honors “the outstanding of the outstanding.”

“NAF employees tend to be overlooked by the community, but their existence is based on the support and assistance they give to customers,” Ballinger said.

He pointed out that a high percentage of APG’s NAF employees are more than qualified for the positions they hold. Many have the benefit of years of extensive on-the-job training, advanced training in a related field, or even professional degrees. All the professionalism means a great deal for those who use APG services.

“That translates into a high caliber of customer service,” Ballinger said. He added that their attitude also means a great deal.

“NAF employees really seem to care, and it shows in their service to the APG community.”

Eleven NAF employees were nominated for honors in the administrative, crafts and trade and supervisory categories. All nominees received garrison coins, and the runners up and winners received plaques, certificates, and cash awards.

Administrative category

Vanda Lasher was named winner in the administrative category. A personnel clerk in the NAF Personnel Office, Lasher is a military family member who has worked as a NAF employee for six years. In addition to the coin, plaque and certificate, Lasher and other first place winners received a reserved parking space and a \$1,000 cash award.

Marjorie Giles was named runner up in the administrative category. An 11-year NAF employee, Giles, as a runner up, received \$500, along with the coin, plaque and certificate.

Others nominated in the administrative category were Kay Allen, a budget assistant, and Patricia Caporellie, a service order specialist.

Trades and crafts category

First place in the trades and crafts category resulted in a tie. Mary Ames, a custodian at the Distinguished Visitors Quarters, and Bane Lawson, a recreation assistant, working in the Equipment Resource Center at Outdoor Recreation were named co-winners.

Ames has been working for MWR since 1977. Lawson, a former civil service employee, has worked in the MWR program since 1999.

Hedy Lis, a sales clerk at the



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Nonappropriated Funds employees pose for a photo after being honored during the annual APG NAF Employee of the Year recognition. Front row, left to right are; Steward Hinch, supervisor of the year, Hedy Lis, runner up in the trades and crafts category, Bane Lawson, one of the two winners in the trades and crafts category, and back row from left; Mary Ames, co-winner in trades and crafts, Margie Giles, runner up in the administrative category, and Vanda Lasher, winner of the administrative category.

APG Arts and Crafts Center for the past 14 years, was named runner up. Also nominated were David Hall, Richard Kyle and Jeff Peterson.

Supervisor category

Named Supervisor of the Year was Steward Hinch. A NAF employee since 1993, Hinch has been a pro shop operations assistant for three years.

Jean Futty, chief of the NAF Civilian Personnel Office, organized the annual recognition for APG’s NAF employees. Futty said she considers herself fortunate to work with great NAF employees on the installation, and thinks that the annual recognition, although not enough of a pay back for all they do, is a good step toward showing NAF employees that their efforts do not go unnoticed and that they are appreciated for their hard work and dedication.

Spidel reviewed the honors and many successes APG programs

enjoy:

APG lodging received Army Lodging Program of the Year in 1998 and is in the running for it again this year.

Last year, the child care and youth programs won an award for excellence.

Top of the Bay is consistently acknowledged for its fine dining and facilities. A recent job fair for NAF employees proved highly successful. APG’s outdoor concerts each summer continue in their popularity. Civilian welfare funds go toward installation maintenance and entertaining trips enjoyed by people throughout the installation.

“Your hard work made all these things possible,” Spidel said. “I want to thank each of you personally, and on behalf of Major General Doesburg and the entire APG community, please accept my sincere appreciation for your tremendous contributions.”

Free motorcycle safety training classes

A requirement for all APG motorcycle operators

By Sheila Little
APG News

In an effort to curb the number of motorcycle accidents on Army installations, operators who ride on Army posts must complete an approved motorcycle safety training course. The course is in addition to the motorcycle license classification requirement found on the operator's drivers license. The course is completed at no cost to APG-affiliated attendees who are active-duty military or Department of Defense civilians. Leave will not be charged and the course fee is to be taken from unit funds.

Richard Albins, safety and occupational health manager at the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, said the Department of Army directive was issued within the last year as an answer to the number of motorcycle accidents injuring and killing military and civilian personnel.

Albins said that motorcycles' appeal to young servicemembers and civilian personnel adding to the number of serious accidents on Army installations involving post personnel.

"Motorcycles are very high-powered, high-speed vehicles, that don't offer much protection when you hit something," Albins said. "They are relatively cheap forms of transportation that are fuel efficient, fun and exciting to operate. They are also deadly."

APG personnel can receive their one-day training at Harford Community College at a choice of two special training classes set up for installation personnel on May 13 or Aug. 19. A limited number of slots are also available for the June 16 class.

"The Army feels that offering additional training at no cost to operators is the best way to assure a better outcome for motorcyclists," Albins said.

The course is for the licensed motorcyclist who

has been riding on a regular basis for a minimum of one year, and wishes to continue to ride on APG.

Military and Defense Department civilian personnel who attend the classes, which consist of four hours of classroom and four hours of advanced range exercises, will not be charged leave to attend, and will receive the funds to attend through their individual units. APG contractors wishing to operate motorcycles on the installation are also required to take the course but will not receive unit funds for the class. The course fee is \$50.

Interested personnel should:

- * Call 1-800-638-1722 to reserve a seat and state that the training is for an individual operating a motorcycle on APG.

- * Arrange to pay for the class (\$50) with their unit's government VISA card.

Class attendance requirements include wearing protective clothing including eye protection, long sleeves, long pants, full-fingered gloves and over-the-ankle footwear, and a helmet. All helmets must be Department of Transportation approved, and are subject to inspection by the instructor. Those whose helmets are not approved may borrow one from the program in order to complete the day-long training.

Motorcycle owners using their own vehicle for the class should be prepared to show proof of insurance, and assure that their vehicle is prepared to pass an inspection performed by the instructor.

Attendance during all eight hours of instruction is mandatory in order to receive the appropriate certificate. Motorcyclists should carry proof of class completion along with their drivers license, whenever they are riding on the installation. No additional classes or requirements are anticipated for those who successfully complete the course.

For more information contact Albins, 410-306-1099.

Youth golf lessons

The Aberdeen Youth Center will hold junior golf registration on May 8, 15 and 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. The lessons are limited to 25 per class.

The program begins June 26 and concludes Aug. 14. Lessons will be held every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Class times for specific age groups are as follows:

<i>ages 7 to 9</i>	8 to 9 a.m.
<i>ages 10 to 11</i>	9 to 10 a.m.
<i>ages 12 to 18</i>	10 to 11 a.m.

The Edgewood Youth program will conduct reg-

istration May 4 through June 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Edgewood program will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact Gene Harris at 410-436-2213.

Cost is \$40 for eligible youth (military dependents, family members of installation employees). Cost is \$45 for youths who are guests of eligible youths.

Note: There is a new annual registration fee of \$15 per child and \$35 per family for all youths registering for ANY program at the youth centers. This is a one-time annual fee as of October 2000.



HHC 16th makes quick work of HHC 61st

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

You couldn’t help but be impressed with the way Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion disposed of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade during April 25 Aberdeen Division volleyball action.

Outmatched by superior skills, HHC 61st spent most of the time struggling to overcome misplays and missed opportunities as it fell to, 15-8, 15-8, to close out the week in fifth place with a 4-6 record.

HHC 16th finished the week in second place at 6-4 behind the U. S. Marine Corps Detachment which remains undefeated at 10-0.

Scoring the first points of the

first match, HHC 61st jumped out to a 2-0 lead with the able serving of Ben Rodriguez.

HHC 16th’s Ernie Woodruff got the team on the board when it was his turn to serve and they soon led 8-3.

HHC 61st coach, Daniel Mennon, called a time out, cautioning his team to work on their mechanics.

“I told them to keep their eyes on the ball and concentrate,” Mennon said. “They need to think about setting and placing.”

Play continued with HHC 16th’s Albert Jones and Yolanda Goff guarding the net ferociously.

The two helped provide a stunning defense with Jones stationary and Goff playing the role of setter. She literally roamed the court attacking every volley within reach.

Despite great serving by Ben Rodriguez and Joshua Flinn, HHC 61st could not overcome the frenzied play of the HHC 16th squad.

The second match was more of the same with HHC 16th’s Joe Jefferson and Brian Bridges contributing key plays.

Jones served up a quick 9-1 lead before losing the serve to HHC 61st’s Flinn.

Suddenly energized, Flinn got his team back in it with masterful serving and quality defensive plays from Rodriguez, Barry Davis and Corey Tyler.

Closing to within four points, at 12-8, HHC 61st hung in there until an airborne battle above the net saw HHC 16th’s Jefferson tap one past a scrambling Tyler. Jefferson closed it out, serving the final two points for the win.

“We need to concentrate more on fundamentals,” Mennon said after the game.

Jefferson, a player coach, added his team just wanted the win more.

“They know what they need to do to win,” Jefferson said, adding communication between the players could not be better.

He commended Goff on her performance. An X-ray technician with Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Goff said she joined the HHC 16th team when she found out her unit didn’t have a team.

“I just like to play,” the Tacoma, Wash., native said. Stationed on APG only six weeks, she said she and the rest of the team are looking forward to the post-season.

“Going all the way is our goal,” Goff said. “Anything less would be a big disappointment.”

Intramural volleyball wraps up May 9 in the Edgewood Division and May 10 in the Aberdeen Division. Playoffs begin May 12 with the championship set for May 14.

Volleyball update

The following results were reported for intramural volleyball for the week ending April 27:

ABERDEEN DIVISION

Results

April 23
NCOA defeated Company A 16th, forfeit
Company C 16th defeated Company E 16th, 15-8, 15-10

April 24
USAF defeated HHC 61st, 15-4, 15-11

USMC defeated HHC 16th, 15-2, 15-9

April 25
Company E 16th defeated NCOA, forfeit
USMC defeated Company C 16th, 15-8, 15-10

April 26
HHC 16th defeated HHC 61st, 15-8, 15-8

USAF defeated Company A 16th, 11-15, 15-0, 15-8

May 3
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7:30 p.m., USMC vs. USAF

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7:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. USMC

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7:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company E 16th

EDGEWOOD DIVISION

Results

April 23
CHPPM defeated Company A 143rd, 9-15, 15-8, 15-7

Company C 143rd defeated Company B 143rd, 15-12, 15-8

Schedule

May 3
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. HHC 143rd

7:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company B 143rd

May 7
6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company A 143rd

7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company B 143rd

May 9
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company A 143rd

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Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Above left, Joe Jefferson, 00, player-coach for HHC 16th, stretches out for a high volley during the April 26 match versus HHC 61st. Above right, the ball gets by HHC 61st’s Corey Tyler, 50, as teammate Ben Rodriguez, 20, and HHC 16th’s Joe Jefferson, 00, watch.

Community Notes

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 2
WEEDON-ELLIOTT LADIES
AUXILIARY**

Weedon-Elliott Ladies Auxiliary VFW 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will hold its monthly membership meeting and installation of officers for the 2001-2002 year. The installation meeting will be held at 7 p.m. and the membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. All members and incoming officers are encouraged to attend.

**THURSDAY
MAY 3
CHAPEL CELEBRATES
PRAYER DAY**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Protestant Chapel Choir will present a repeat performance of this year's Easter cantata, "Jesus Shall Reign" in conjunction with National Prayer Day at 7 p.m. in building 2485, APG-Aberdeen Area Post Chapel.

This is a retelling of the Easter story in song and music. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be available after the performance. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

**FRIDAY
MAY 4
ATOASTTOTHE LADIES**

Top of the Bay presents "A ToastToThe Ladies," from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Main Ballroom. Music will be provided by Out Da Way Entertainment. Tickets cost \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Dress to impress - no jeans, boots, sweatsuits, sneakers or bandannas. Dress code will be enforced. To purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936. You must be 21 or over and have valid identification to attend.

**VFWTHEATRE OFFERS
DISCOUNT FOR MILITARY**

The Theatre at VFW Post 8672, Jarrettsville, will present "The Hopeless Diamond," an audience participation murder mystery, 6:30 p.m. on May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19; and 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 6. A 20 percent reduction in ticket price will be offered to retired or active duty military and "paid up" members of any VFW post or auxiliary.

The Theatre is a unique VFW project conceived by a life member of the post, Ralph R. Denton Sr., a former U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools employee. Now entering its second season, the Theatre is used as a fund raiser for VFW Post 8672 and to offer a cultural community service.

Dinner will be catered by post and auxiliary members and include salad, several entrees and desserts. There will be a benefit champagne reception with the cast, for a small additional donation for specific projects to include the Auxiliary's Cancer Aid and Research Fund. The dinner theatre costs \$25 per person. Cost for the benefit champagne reception is \$5 per person.

In addition, the Theatre offers a free theatrical workshop conducted by Denton. The workshops are open for anyone ages 16 and over interested in learning dramatic production, acting and dramatic crafts and participating in the plays. For more information about the dinner theater or the workshop, call 410-452-5840 or send E-mail to theatrechmn@aol.com.

**SUNDAY
MAY 6
FASHION SHOW**

The Edgewood Area Protestant Service will present its Charm Course Fashion Show, May 6, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Chapel. The show is the culmination of the free 10-week Christian Charm Course for 18 girls in grades 5-11. The course focused on diet and exercise, facial beauty, fashion and wardrobe, hair styling, etiquette and self-esteem. Local businesses contributing to the success of the course and the fashion show include the

International School of Beauty, Beth's Bridal Boutique and Saks 5th Avenue. The show is free and open to the public. A potluck banquet will follow. For more information, contact Audrey Vermont at 410-272-3803, evenings, or the chapel office at 410-436-4107.

**SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET
FUNDRAISER**

The Aberdeen Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will have its inaugural Scholarship Banquet, May 6, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Uncle George's Restaurant Banquet Hall, 120 S. Bond Street, Bel Air. The keynote speaker will be Richard Dixon, treasurer for the State of Maryland. Donations are \$30.

For ticket information, contact M. Spicer, 410-436-5739 or P. Hunter, 410-436-1299.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 9
EAOWC LUNCHEON**

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club will hold its last monthly luncheon of the season at Giovanni's Restaurant in Edgewood. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. This month's program is the installation of new officers and recognition of scholarship recipients.

The menu is a choice of lasagna or stuffed eggplant for \$11.50 or chicken parmigiana for \$12.75 and includes entree, salad, Italian bread, dessert, soft drinks, hot tea or coffee, tax and gratuity.

Call Diane Payne at 410-569-5116 or Jenna Edens at 410-459-5467 with your reservation and entree selection by Friday, May 4.

**SATURDAY
MAY 12
YARD SALE**

Weedon-Elliott Ladies Auxiliary VFW 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will have a yard sale on the corner of Green Street and Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Post from noon to 4 p.m. Table rental is \$10. Rain date is Saturday, May 19. For more information, call 410-272-4020 or 410-939-4578.

**LONGABERGER BASKET
BINGO**

A Basket Bingo featuring Longaberger baskets will be held at Slate Ridge American Legion, located off Route 136 in Whiteford, Md. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 per person (for three cards). Lots of door prizes, raffles and food available. Proceeds go toward veteran and youth related affairs. Tickets are limited. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-452-5506 or 410-836-1625 and leave your name and number.

**TUESDAY
MAY 15
ASIAN-PACIFIC
SPECIALTY MEAL**

The annual Asian-Pacific Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event all military, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.20 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.40 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal. For more information call Edward Parylo, or JoyceThane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

**Asian-Pacific specialty
menu:**

Egg drop soup,egg rolls, sweet & sour pork, pineapple chicken, sesame chicken, Sukiyaki, pepper steak, fried rice, Vegetable lo mein, stir-fried vegetables, cucumber kimchi, almond cookies, pineapple upside-down cake, assorted breads, soft-

serve ice-cream, coffee, tea, milk, soda

Note: Menu subject to change without prior notification.

**FRIDAY
MAY 18
BASKET BINGO FOR
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

Basket Bingo will be held at the Relay for Life Event, Edgewood High School, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road, 10:30 p.m. It will be held under the tent on the football field rain or shine. Doors open at 9:45 p.m. Door prizes, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$5 per ticket and includes 10 games. Additional sets are \$2.50. All prizes will be Longaberger products.

For tickets call Ralph French 410-557-6752.

**SATURDAY
MAY 19
MURDER MYSTERY MOST
FOUL**

The Active Citizens' Coalition for the Employment of Persons with Mental Illness, Inc. (ACCEPMI, Inc.) will hold a benefit production of "Carnival of Dreams - A Murder Mystery Most Foul." The audience participation murder mystery is presented by Otter Productions, and will be held at Uncle George's Restaurant, 120 South Bond Street, Bel Air. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the murder mystery beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 per person. To make reservations, call 410-817-4475.

**SATURDAY
MAY 19
MUSEUM HOSTS ROSIE
THE RIVETER REUNION**

The Baltimore Museum of Industry will honor women workers of World War II with a Rosie the Riveter reunion at 2 p.m. Hosted by Baltimore entertainer Ellis Woodward, the afternoon events will include presentations by Fran Carter, the President of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, John Breihan of the Glenn L. Martin Museum and a performance of the BMI's musical "Rosie".

"Rosie", written by Debi Wynn, is a musical salute to the women who kept the home front moving when the men went to war.

The American Rosie the Riveter Association is an organization that celebrates the contributions women workers made in the war effort. Its purpose is to recognize and preserve the history and legacy of working women, including volunteer women, during World War II.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students in advance; tickets at the door cost \$12.50 for adults and \$10.50 for seniors and students. Parking at the museum is free. For ticket information, call 410-727-4808, ext. 112. The Baltimore Museum of Industry is located on the harbor front at 1415 Key Highway.

**SUNDAY
MAY 20
ARMED FORCES
APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

Calvary United Methodist Church invites the community to share in its celebration of Armed Forces Appreciation Sunday, May 20, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Calvary United Methodist Church is located at 301 Rowe Boulevard in Annapolis.

All former and present military personnel are invited to attend a service in uniform, and are welcome to bring military memorabilia. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the Fellowship Hall between the services (10 to 11 a.m.) with tables set up for the memorabilia display. A color guard will open the services. Music will be performed by the combined Calvary choirs, Bayfield Brass, handbell choir and timpani. For more information, call Reverend Marilyn Newhouse, associate pastor, 410-268-7768.

**SATURDAY
MAY 26
LATINO NIGHT**

VFW Post 10028, located on 821 Old Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, invites you to attend Latino Night, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Latino Night is a free family event (all ages welcome) that has a fiesta atmosphere. Donations are not required but will be accepted at the door. Bring your favorite dish and CDs for the DJ. Cash bar available.

For more information, call 410-272-1218.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 15
BASKET BINGO**

The Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, will hold a Longaberger basket bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (3 paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. The fundraiser benefits the Harford Choral Society.

To purchase tickets, call Joanne, 410-939-9642 or Arlene Raymond and Phyllis Gilbert, 410-273-7332.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Effective May 13, the operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library will be Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Abandon ship!: Death of the U.S.S. Indianapolis by Richard F. Newcomb

Big Red: The Story of a Trident Nuclear Submarine and the Men Who can still Destroy the World by Douglas C. Waller

The German Empire, 1870-1918 by Michael Sturmer

A History of Bombing by Sven Lindqvist

Secret Weapons of World War II by William B. Breuer

Stand Firm Ye Boys from Maine: The 20th Maine and the Gettysburg Campaign by Thomas A. Desjardin

An Ungodly War: The Sack of Constantinople and the Fourth Crusade by W. B. Bartlett

Weapons: Designing the Tools of War by Jason Richie

The Wild Frontier: Atrocities during the American-Indian War from Jamestown Colony to Wounded Knee by William M. Osborn

Wonju: The Gettysburg of the Korean War by J. D. Coleman

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3 CHILDREN \$1.50

EXIT WOUNDS

Friday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 9 p.m. (FREE ADMISSION)

Starring: Steven Seagal, DMX

Fifty kilos of heroin disappear from the property vaults of the toughest precinct in Detroit and no one knows how. It's made someone \$5 million richer - maybe someone in uniform - as long as no one talks. To Latrell, the money at the other end of the deal, it provokes the question "Are all cops bad?" But when he crosses paths with Orin, he discovers that nothing is what it seems, even the law. (Rated R)



CHOCOLAT

Saturday, May 5, 7 p.m.



Starring: Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin

In the traditional French village of Lansquenet life has not changed for the last 100 years. Vianne and her daughter Anouk open a chocolaterie filled with irresistible confections that awaken the townspeople's hidden appetites. But, her magical ability to perceive the villager's private desires, and satisfy them with just the right confection, slowly persuades a few to abandon themselves to her temptations. (Rated PG-13)

MWR

STYX/KANSAS/SURVIVOR tickets available

This year's summer concert series begins with STYX, KANSAS and Survivor, Saturday, June 16. Gates open at 6 p.m.; show begins at 7:30 p.m. The following Morale, Welfare and Recreation locations have concert tickets available for \$25 in-advance:

ABERDEEN AREA

Information, Ticketing & Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4621, TTY 410-278-4110. Venue contact and main ticket contact is Chris Lockhart. Forms of payment include cash, VISA, Mastercard and checks. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed legal holidays. ITR staff will take credit card phone orders (VISA/Mastercard).

Tickets can be picked up in person at building 3326 or can be held at will-call gate starting at 4:30 p.m. on the day of the show.

Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, contact Joyce Founds, 410-278-2621. Only cash or checks will be accepted. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.

Bowling Center, building 2342, contact Margie Giles, 410-278-4041. Cash, VISA/Mastercard and checks will be accepted. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 11

a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation, building 2407, contact Carissa Bare, 410-278-4124. Cash, VISA/Mastercard and checks will be accepted. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to noon.

EDGEWOOD AREA

Exton Golf Course, contact Gene Harris, 410-436-2213. Cash, VISA/Mastercard and checks will be accepted. Hours are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

EA Stark Recreation Center, contact Shirley Davis, 410-436-2077. Only cash or checks will be accepted. Hours are Friday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, noon to 10 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster locations, 1-800-551-SEAT, 410-481-SEAT, or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

Woodshop Orientation

The woodshop will hold a safety orientation May 5 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is the \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to use the woodshop.

Stained Glass

A beginning stained glass class will be held May 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

Framing Class

A beginning matting and framing class will be held May 24 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame. Register in advance, because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

Ordnance festivities scheduled all week

ORDNANCE WEEK, from front page
Raritan Avenue, adjacent to building 3074.

Items on display will be the Multicapable Mechanic, HERCULES Recovery System, Forward Repair System, New General Mechanic's Toolkit, M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, M1A1 with embedded diagnostics, M1A2 System Enhancement Program Abrams Tank, and The Mobile Parts Hospital. (See story below on Mobile Parts Hospital.)

For more information, contact the Command Plans and Operations Office at 410-278-2824.

Ordnance Hall of Fame induction

Twelve individuals will be inducted into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame Thursday evening at the Ordnance Museum.

Included in this year's group of distinguished inductees are historical inductees Capt. George T. Balch, Dr. Alexander C. Charters, Col. Harry M. Downer, and Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent.

Contemporary inductees for 2001 include (all ranks are retired): Brig. Gen. Richard Allen, Fred R. Dearborn, Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Richard C. Eagan, Cmd. Sgt. Maj. John L. Hoffman, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Cecil E. Hutson, Brig. Gen. Robert P. McFarlin, Lt. Col. Sarah R. Radin, and Timothy C. Zello.

Ordnance anniversary review

The Ordnance Corps Anniversary Review will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Fanshaw Field. The public is invited. The annual parade will feature soldiers, sailors and Marines representing the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools at APG and the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School from Redstone Arsenal, Ala., as well as the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment and U.S. Air Force Detachment 1, 369th Technical Training Squadron. Providing musical honors and accompaniment will be the 389th U.S. Army Band (AMC's Own).

The guest speaker will be Gen. John G. Coburn, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

There will also be modern equipment on display, as well as historical equipment from a local collector's society.

Ordnance Anniversary Balls

Two military balls at Top of the Bay will celebrate the 189th anniversary as well. The Officers' Ordnance Ball will be Friday evening with U.S. Army, Retired Lt. Gen. Eugene D'Ambrosio as the guest speaker. On Saturday, Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker III, U.S. Army Materiel Command command sergeant major, will be the guest speaker at the Ordnance Enlisted Ball.

Stivers' commemorative painting history



Service on the Line

In March 1847, Major General Winfield Scott conducted an amphibious landing on the Gulf Coast of Mexico, just south of the port of Veracruz. Scott's forces encircled and besieged the town, which was a fortified, walled city of 15,000 inhabitants, further protected by a massive stone fort, the Fortress of San Juan de Ulua, located about 1,000 yards off the shore. One of Scott's units was the Rocket and Howitzer Battery, commanded and manned by soldiers of the U.S. Army Ordnance Department.

Siege batteries were emplaced, and bombardment of the city commenced on March 22. The Rocket and Howitzer Battery's light 12-pound mountain howitzers were used to protect the infantry, which in turn was protecting the siege batteries. At approximately 10 p.m. on March 24, from a position on the beach at Punta Hornos forward of a factory or building referred to in American accounts as the "limekiln," the battery's rocketeers fired 40 Congreve rockets into Veracruz. The fort at the southern end of the city (Fort de Santiago) returned fire, with apparent effect (no U.S. casualties).

Mobile Parts Hospital trailer on display during Ordnance Week

On-demand manufacturing could meet variety of battlefield needs

By Rae Higgins
TACOM

What if Army maintenance crews had equipment to make their own parts near the point of need on the battlefield, when time is critical?

Ordnance professionals can check out the Mobile Parts Hospital demonstration trailer at Aberdeen Proving Ground during Ordnance Week 2001, scheduled for May 8 to 11.

The U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command's National Automotive Center is enhancing, expanding and perfecting mobile manufacturing technology to meet a wide range of battlefield maintenance needs.

The MPH demo trailer marries the latest manufacturing infrastructure and technologies in a mobile unit that can deploy anywhere anytime. Standard and unique parts can be manufactured from technical data and computer-numeric control code.

"This trailer demonstrates the on-site, on-demand ability to manufacture small parts for a range of Army automotive systems," said Coryne Forest, MPH program manager.

The MPH sends and receives digital manufacturing-ready data as a self-contained, self-sustaining mobile design, simulation and mini-manufacturing center. The program aims at slashing long part procurement times to a few hours, or a few days, by providing repair parts near the point of need in the battlespace.

Forest said, "This program illustrates what is available today to cut supply and administrative lead times, reduce the logistics footprint on the battlefield, and boost readiness."

The technology demonstrator is a standard tractor trailer equipped with a vertical milling machine, which has been modified to also serve as a lathe; a selective laser sinter machine, which converts powdered rubber, metal, plastics and ceramics into actual parts; and a laser-point scanner. It features the latest communication technology, including connections to satellites, various computer networks, web-based technologies, and cellular phones.

How does it work? "Say a soldier needs to manufacture a hose for a downed HMMWV. The

part's engineering data is relayed over one of the on-board communications systems to the MPH. That data is input to the sintering machine, where powdered rubber is transformed into a hose," Forest explained.

The MPH also allows soldiers to create a part, even if they don't have the engineering data readily available. By scanning a part with a laser-point scanner, even if it's broken, soldiers obtain the engineering data needed to manufacture a replica part. This is known as reverse engineering.

As the program evolves, the MPH will likely be housed in ISO containers for rapid deployability, said Capt. Charlie Bartos, TACOM's military representative assigned to the project. "As the Army looks to deploy units within 96 hours, the MPH would have to be air deployable ... ISO containers would allow us to do that," he said.

Bartos emphasized TACOM doesn't want to replace the parts supply system. "We see this equipment as a critical parts replenisher. It can enhance the system we already have," he explained.

Bartos said the Ordnance community backs the effort.

"We briefed Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, the Ordnance chief, recently, and he was impressed with the options the MPH would bring to the battlefield. The Ordnance Corps sees this as an intermediate staging base asset," he said.

TACOM's Mobile Parts Hospital technology demonstration trailer is rigged with a vertical milling machine, which has been modified to also serve as a lathe; a selective laser sinter machine, which converts powdered rubber, metal, plastics and ceramics into actual parts and a laser-point scanner.

Photo by STAN KOLISCH

Mobile Parts Hospital facts

TACOM is part of the U.S. Army Materiel Command and provides lethality, survivability, mobility and sustainment for America's Army. It's National Automotive Center is the Army's link to industry, academia and other government agencies to develop dual-use automotive technologies that meet military and commercial needs.

The MPH program is currently funded for two phases with Congressional plus-ups. Phase I, a \$3 million effort, began in June 2000. It focused on building the trailer demonstrator.

Phase II, valued at \$8 million is set to begin in the May/June timeframe. Phase II goals include:

- manufacturing larger parts;
- increasing the number of parts in the MPH database;
- refining the technology needed to create 3-D part data when no engineering data is available;
- inserting maturing manufacturing and rapid prototyping technology into the first prototype in ISO containers;
- ruggedizing the platform to ensure and retain accurate machine calibration; and
- testing the parts made in Phase I to establish reliability data.

Phase II will also create CONUS-based agile manufacturing cells. These facilities would likely be housed within one or

two of the Army's depots. Personnel there would manufacture parts too big for the MPH's capacity or that are outside the scope of mobile manufacturing. Once the cells are operational, the data could be sent to and from the MPH via satellites, cell phones or web-based browsers. Agile manufacturing cell staff could produce the part and send it to the area of operation via express mail for installation on the vehicle.

Beyond Phases I and II, the program is unfunded. Given sufficient funding, TACOM could field a Mobile Parts Hospital outfitted with the most advanced manufacturing and communication technology in as few as six to eight years.

The Ordnance Corps suggested the MPH could have a role in Battlefield Damage Assessment and repair missions, cutting the amount of authorized stockage list items a unit deploys with, and assisting in nation building.

The MPH could potentially have armed forces-wide application. It not only manufactures ground vehicle parts, but also weapon system, aircraft and watercraft parts.

Military medical professionals could also use MPH technology. For instance, a soldier's MRI data could be fed into the sintering machine if a patient needed a custom-made prosthetic device or a bone replacement.

TSP makes changes and offers new options

By Barbara K. Filbert
CPOCMA

Significant changes are underway for appropriated-fund federal employees investing in the Thrift Savings Plan or TSP. According to rules recently proposed by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment, which administers the TSP, several changes will be in place this month.

The proposed rules implement a board decision to transfer the processing of contribution allocations from the Army Benefits Center-Civilian to the TSP record keeper on May 1.

"Employees wishing to shift money among the investment funds must contact the TSP Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov>, or call the ThriftLine, an automated telephone service, at 504-255-8777," said Kathy Cole, chief of ABC-C.

Now, participants will need their TSP Personal Identification Number, or PIN, more than ever. To make direct inquiries into one's TSP account via the Web or telephone, and reallocate funds from one fund to another, one must have a PIN.

Participants can elect any number of contribution allocations, but only one allocation can be effective during a given business day. Employees can use the electronic media (TSP Web site or the ThriftLine) or TSP Form 50, Investment Allocation, to reallocate their contributions.

"The new Investment Allocation form will be sent to each Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Employees using this format must use an original form, as it will not be downloadable from the Web site," Cole said. "Because the changes will not be made effective until two days after the Thrift Investment Board receives them, it is strongly recommended that employees use the electronic media versus the hard copy form."

"Employees will continue to contact the ABC-C to start, stop or change the amount of their contribution," said Bill Lowe, director of the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. "They can contact the ABC-C by accessing the Web site at <http://www.abc.army.mil>, or by calling 1-877-ARMY CTR (1-877-276-9287)."

Employees may use either system from any location 21 hours a day, 7 days a week to access information regarding the TSP. Those needing assistance can transfer to one of the benefit

counselors via the telephone system, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Central Time.

Lowe said, "With the open season, May 15 - July 31, TSP participants can invest in two new stock-based funds, which will allow savers to diversify their investments. These are the 'S' Fund, a small cap fund which tracks the Wilshire 4500 Index and the 'I' Fund, an international stock that tracks the Europe, Australian and Far East stock index."

Currently, there are three funds to choose from. The funds run the gamut of safe - the G Fund invests in special government bonds - to riskier investments - the C Fund tied to the stock market. There is also an F Fund for investing in commercial bonds.

"Former President Clinton signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 last December," said Terri Wright, of the APG CPAC. "The law contains a provision that increases incrementally the allowable contribution to the TSP for appropriated-fund employees."

The TSP will implement the statutory change with the May open season. Federal Employees Retirement System employees can contribute up to 11 percent of their basic pay, and Civil Service Retirement Service employees can contribute up to six percent of their basic pay.

During the fall open season Nov. 15 to Jan. 31, FERS employees can contribute 12 percent of their basic pay; CSRS employees can contribute up to 7 percent of their basic pay.

Wright said elections to begin or change TSP contributions made during open seasons will be effective the first pay period in July or January. "The total amount that employees may contribute to the TSP each year will continue to be capped by the Internal Revenue Service. For 2001, the annual TSP limit is \$10,500."

Maximum contributions for both FERS and CSRS employees would increase one percent each year until 2005, at which time the only contribution limit will be the one imposed by the IRS.

YEAR	FERS Limit	CSRS Limit
2001	11 %	6%
2002	12 %	7%
2003	13 %	8%
2004	14 %	9%
2005	15 %	10%

Army signs agreement for developing respiratory protection standards

By Jim Allingham
ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center under the auspices of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command recently signed an Interagency Agreement for the Development of Chemical Biological Respiratory Protection Standards. The agreement was made in collaboration with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the National Institute for Standards and Technology.

ECBC is tasked with assisting NIOSH in the development of respiratory standards to be used by NIOSH to certify respirators for use in potential chemical or biological agent incidents. A team, composed of respirator design, safety, industrial hygiene and toxicology professionals, was formed to identify the chemical and biological health effects and breakthrough concentrations for the respiratory standards and to define test protocols.

A public meeting to discuss conceptual standards or guidelines for respiratory protective devices was held April 17 and 18 in Edgewood. More than 150 people attended from around the country, including representatives from most of the major respirator manufacturing corporations,

University of Arizona, Oklahoma City Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, the Los Angeles County Fire Department and numerous Federal agencies.

The meeting was held to discuss the threats in responding to chemical, biological, and radiological incidents, user needs, and potential standards or guidelines for respiratory devices used by first responders. During the meeting, members from ECBC, NIOSH and NIST gave the public an update on the progress that has been made in developing the standards. Attendees also were invited to comment regarding potential chemical and biological respiratory standards and the guidelines NIOSH is developing.

The meeting was jointly sponsored by SBCCOM, NIOSH and NIST.

Wayne Davis, Product Director for Respiratory Systems at SBCCOM, said, "Comments and recommendations from attendees were excellent, well focused and insightful, and will help NIOSH and SBCCOM significantly in our continued efforts to define chemical-biological standards."

For more information about this agreement or ECBC, visit <http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil> or contact the Public Affairs Office, at 410-436-4347.

Youth of the Quarter honors go to Edgewood Area junior, Aberdeen Area freshman

Teens encouraged to apply for quarterly competition

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground held its inaugural Youth of the Quarter award ceremony April 23 in the Aberdeen Area Youth Center. The program’s first honorees were Joppatowne High School junior Cassondra A. Lampkin and Aberdeen High School freshman Heidi E. Greenleaf.

The award was for the second quarter, covering the period from January to March.

Begun on APG in January, the Youth of the Quarter/Youth of the Year program recognizes outstanding family members of military and civilian personnel who have shown exceptional merit in scholastics, community service, spiritual growth, health and fitness and other areas.

Coordinated by Ivan Mehosky, director of youth development services, Army Community Service, the program is operated under guidance established by the Department of the Army, the U.S. Army Materiel Command and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Mehosky said Youth of the Quarter winners will compete in the Department of Army Youth of the Year competition and in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America regional competitions.

“With the third quarter just beginning, teens should submit their applications soon,” Mehosky said. “What are you waiting for? Make the commitment to excel.”

The quarterly competition is open to members of the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Youth Centers who are freshmen, sophomores or juniors in high school.

Seniors cannot apply because the program is part of an annual competition and they will graduate before it concludes, Mehosky added.

Youths interested in applying may do so through their youth centers. The process includes appearing before a panel consisting of personnel from Child and Youth Services, the APG Sports Office, ACS and Chaplain services.

“Anyone who thinks they are an outstanding youth, worthy of recognition, should apply,” Mehosky said.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, was the guest speaker for the April 23 ceremony.

“This ceremony recognizes young men and women, all of whom are family members of APG military and civilian personnel who have shown exceptional merit,” Spidel said. “We are fortunate to be honoring these two young ladies today.”

With their families looking on, Spidel presented the winners with certificates of achievement, gift certificates from the Aberdeen Walmart and commander’s coins.

The Edgewood Area’s Cassondra A. Lampkin, is a 16-year old junior at Joppatowne High School. Lampkin holds a 3.9 grade point average and participates in numerous extra-curricular activities. She is the vice president of the Future Business of America Club, a member of the National Honor Society, the Forensic League public speaking organization, the Heritage Club, and she is a reading mentor for younger children. She was named to the distinguished honor roll for the second quarter and the 1999-2000 school year. Lampkin plans on becoming a lawyer or working in the news media.

Her family consists of her parents, Lucinda and Erdly McDowell, her older sister, Corinthian and her grandfather, Alcure Walker. She attends



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Heidi Greenleaf, left and Cassondra Lampkin smile after being selected Youth of the Quarter for the second quarter for their respective youth centers. Greenleaf, a 15-year old freshman at Aberdeen High School represented the Aberdeen Area, while Lampkin, a 16-year old junior at Joppatowne High School, represented Edgewood. Applications are now being accepted for teens interested in applying for the third quarter. The program, recently instituted on Aberdeen Proving Ground, recognizes outstanding family members of APG military and civilian employees who are members of the AA/EA youth centers and are in their freshman, sophomore or junior year in high school. Teens may apply through their youth centers.

Mount Zion Baptist Church in Havre de Grace.

The AA winner, Heidi E. Greenleaf is a 15-year old freshman at Aberdeen High School. She carries a 3.7 grade point average. Greenleaf is a starter on the junior varsity basketball team and plays on the volleyball and softball teams. She plans on being a professional softball player, a photographer or journalist.

Her family consists of her parents, Leslie and Wayne Greenleaf, an older sister, Heather and a younger sister, Hope. She attends St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Aberdeen.

How well does the applicant articulate ideas? An oral presentation should be part of the selection process.

Rating Criteria for Youth of the Year

Each application is screened and judged on leadership qualities and service exhibited through:

Home and family
Consider responsibilities assumed over a period of time that may be considered exemplary or unusual.

Spiritual values
Consider how significant values are exercised in daily life, including active participation in a religious community, adherence to moral principles or other evidence of spiritual values and strong moral character in action.

Community
Types of activities engaged in, number of people served, the applicant’s role in planning and implementing activities, and the impact of activities on others.

School
Activities engaged in and their diversity, scholastic achievement and contribution made to school, faculty and peers.

Service to club
Some factors to consider are length of membership, activities engaged in, responsibilities assumed, influence on peers, assistance to staff, involvement in planning and consistency.

Life goals
The ability to make decisions and set goals that support independent life skills and career choices. Understands importance of planning for the future.

Obstacles overcome
Recognition should be given to unusual obstacles the candidate has overcome.

Essays
Applicant must write two essays, one explaining what the Club means to them, the other explaining why post-high school education is important. The essays provide additional insight into the applicant’s thinking and skills of expression.

Poise
How poised and confident is the applicant prior to and during the formal interview process.

Public speaking
How well does the applicant articulate ideas? An oral presentation should be part of the selection process.

(Rules established by Boys and Girls Clubs of America.)

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

- Jodie A. Ables (herniated disc)
- Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)
- Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
- Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
- Brenda K. Bielat (car accident, severe pain)
- Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)
- Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
- Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
- Tammy Budkey
- Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
- Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)
- Geraldine S. Cragg
- Bonnie K. Day (surgery)
- Tricia Lin Dietz
- Fred Dill
- Surinder K. Dillon
- Joseph R. Dugan
- Messina Enderlein
- Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
- Willa Freisheim
- Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)
- Elaine C Garrity
- Norman L. Greear
- Rose M. Hill (vertigo)
- Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)
- Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)
- Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)
- Wayne A. Jaynes
- Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)
- Carole Jones
- Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
- Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
- Beverly King (caring for husband)
- William Klein
- Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
- Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
- Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
- Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
- Stacy Miller (maternity)
- Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)
- Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
- Cecil Pennington (surgery)
- Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
- Mary E. Pettiway
- Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
- Michael Reynolds
- Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
- Denise Robinson (maternity)
- Ricky Ross (heart attack)
- Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
- Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
- Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
- Sherry Schaffer
- Lena Shelton
- Rita R.Sloder (surgery)
- Gail H. Smith (death of husband)
- Motoko Stahl
- Rachel Swearingen
- Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
- Frances L. Thomas
- Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
- Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
- Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
- Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)
- Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
- Josephine O. Wojiechowski (care for elderly parents)

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.

New Web site assists military campers, RV'ers

The Army News Service reports that military campers and RV'ers can now find their way on America's open highways thanks to a new interactive Army Morale, Welfare, Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Recreation Web site.

Visitors to the site will find information on the locations of military RV parks and campsites at installations throughout the United States, directions from the nearest major highway, phone numbers, amenities, the number of pads and campsites, and fees. It also lists any cabins, cottages, or duplexes available for rent. Future additions to the Web site will include a trip computer to determine mileage, local on- and off-post recreational opportunities, and inter-service MWR specials for RV'ers and campers. MWR eventually hopes to add information about RV parks and campsites in Europe to the new Web site at <http://www.pathsacrossamerica.com> More information about MWR is at <http://www.armymwr.com>.

TRICARE defines Primary Care Manager By Name program

Courtesy of TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

The Primary Care Manager by Name program is another effort by TRICARE to ensure beneficiaries receive the best health care possible. The program is designed to assign TRICARE Prime beneficiaries a specific primary care manager who will provide primary oversight and continuity of health care and ensure the level of care provided is of the highest quality.

The relationship developed between patients and their PCM is the basis for successful prevention-oriented, coordinated health care.

The military treatment facility, in conjunction with lead agents and managed care support contractors, will assign beneficiaries to a PCM.

Currently, in most TRICARE regions, 80 to 100 percent of beneficiaries are assigned to a PCM. The goal is to have all TRICARE Prime beneficiaries assigned PCMs by July 1.

Before a TRICARE Prime beneficiary selects a PCM, he/she should know the following:

- Physicians in the specialties of internal medicine, general practice, pediatrics, or family practice may be PCMs. Obstetrician/gynecologists, other specialists, physician extenders, house staff, and independent duty corpsmen may also be PCMs if approved by the local medical commander. Non-PCM physician extenders, as well as nurses, and medical assistants may be part of a health care team that works under the supervision of the PCM to provide the beneficiary's care.



- Beneficiaries will be assigned to the PCM they indicate as their first preference on their enrollment form, whenever possible.
- Beneficiaries can refer to a published directory of PCMs available for assignment. The directory will be available either at the MTF, on the MTF's Web site, or at the TRICARE Service Center.
 - The beneficiary will be sent a notice within five business days of assignment to a new PCM. This notice will include the PCM's name, date of assignment and telephone numbers.
 - A beneficiary can request a PCM change at any time. Beneficiaries will be assigned to the PCM requested whenever possible, however, they should note MTF assignment policies and the medical needs of the beneficiary will also be given consideration when PCM assignment is made.
 - A patient's medical condition may determine PCM assignment or re-assignment by the MTF.

The PCMBN program is part of the military's optimization initiative for military treatment facilities. Optimization aims to utilize best managed health care practices, to include preventive measures, clinical practice guidelines and case management. Patients reap benefits from consistent health care and improved overall health.

Additional information about TRICARE is available on the TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>.

TRICARE help available by E-mail

The TRICARE Help E-Mail Service, or THEMS, allows soldiers and their families to E-mail their TRICARE questions, issues, or concerns to TRICARE_help@amedd.army.mil. The Army News Service reports that the e-mail service is not a substitute for TRICARE Service Centers or other methods of TRICARE customer support, but another means for servicemembers and their families to get fast, accurate, and complete answers to their questions and assistance in resolving their TRICARE problems.

Jack Desmond, operations manager for the service, explained why he believes the TRICARE Internet program is so effective.

"We are not an Internet site where you have to find your own answer by sorting through a frequently-asked questions section," Desmond said. "Everyone who sends us a question receives an individual answer from a real person, not a form letter or computer-generated response."

Modern System's "gatekeeper" helps managers

By Barbara K. Filbert
CPOCMA

The Modern System, the Defense Department's automated civilian human-resources system, simplifies processing personnel actions and standardizes the way personnel services are managed. The system, once deployed throughout the world, will link all military branches under the same personnel system.

The system, designed to streamline personnel paperwork and services, will support about 800,000 appropriated and non-appropriated fund, and local national civilian personnel operations.

The Modern System, a user-friendly system based on a commercial, off-the-shelf product, uses a graphical Windows environment with drop-down menus, point-and-click maneuvering, and the cut-copy-paste capability.

One of the most user-friendly programs on the system is the "gatekeeper checklist," an automated checklist that complements the functions of the Modern System, and is responsive to customers' needs.

Mike Vajda, director of the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, said when a manager (customer) generates a Request for Personnel Action such as filling a position or reassigning a person, the system will prompt a user-friendly checklist.

"The checklist has a series of questions relative to the personnel action the manager requested," he said. "Many of the questions have a drop-down menu with a list of potential answers the manager can select from." Information collected for the checklist ensures the manager has submitted the necessary information to process the RPA.

"It tells the manager up front what the staffing personnel need to complete the action," Vajda said. "In the past, when the staffing personnel did not have the required information, the action was returned to the customer for additional information."

As the RPA moves through the routing process, each user - manager, resource manager and personnel advisor - can add and update the required information on the checklist. "This assures the required information to process the action is complete and accurate when it arrives at the CPOC," Vajda said.

He explained that the gatekeeper checklist is very compatible with the Modern System and is advantageous to the customer because the staffing specialist at the CPOC can process the action faster.

Carol Prater, deputy director at the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency here, said the gatekeeper checklist will conduct a full operational test next month at the Southwest CPOC located at Fort Riley, Kan.

"Once the test is complete, as well as successful, we hope to have the tool available to all CPOCs using the Modern System," she said.

Currently, Pacific, Southwest, North Central, Northeast, West and National Capital Regions have deployed; and Southeast, South Central, Korea and Europe Regions will be deployed by August.

She added that this is one of many tools associated with the Modern System that will help managers and supervisors fulfill their human resource needs faster, and with less frustration than we've done in the past with the legacy system.

Some TRICARE inpatient rates increase

Courtesy of TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Effective Oct. 1, the daily cost to active duty family members for inpatient care in civilian hospitals under TRICARE Standard and Extra increased from \$10.85 to \$11.45.

Recently passed legislation eliminates this inpatient rate at both military treatment facilities and civilian hospitals in early 2001 for active duty family members enrolled in Prime. However, it will still apply to military retirees, and their families and survivors.

For more information about other rate increases at military treatment facilities including specific exemptions, log on to the Web site, www.dtic.mil/comptroller/rates/, then go to FY 2001 Reimbursable Rates, Tab I, Medical and Dental Services.

There also has been a slight increase in cost shares for retired military and their families and survivors who use TRICARE Standard for inpatient mental health care or a substance use disorder. TRICARE Standard beneficiaries who get such treatment at a low-volume hospital pay a daily rate of \$149, up \$5 from last year, or 25 percent of institutional billed charges, whichever total is less.

A low-volume hospital is one that treats and dis-

charges fewer than 25 patients in a year.

For those who are treated at a high-volume hospital, one that treats and discharges 25 or more patients in a year, the cost share is the same as last year — 25 percent of the hospital's own daily rate.

The inpatient mental health rate is unchanged for active duty family members and military retirees, their families and survivors in TRICARE Prime and Extra.

The TRICARE Standard diagnosis-related group daily rate for most civilian non-mental health hospital admissions increased on Oct. 1 to \$401, up from \$390 last year. That rate applies only to retired military and their families and survivors who use TRICARE Standard. They either pay that fixed daily rate of \$401, or a cost share, which is 25 percent of the hospital's billed charges, whichever is less. However, there is no diagnosis-related group rate increase for these beneficiaries who use a TRICARE network facility.

For additional information about diagnosis-related group payments, contact the health benefits adviser at the nearest uniformed services medical facility, or contact a customer service representative at your nearest TRICARE service center.



Photo courtesy of SBCCOM

Sherilyn Keck, logistics specialist for the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, is the recipient of this year's Integrated Logistics Support Achievement of the Year Award.

SBCCOM employee receives achievement award

By Jim Allingham
ECBC

The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters, Department of the Army, announced Sherilyn Keck as a recipient of their Integrated Logistics Support Achievement of the Year Award. The ODCSLOG recognizes individuals providing exceptional contributions to the ILS community, which results in improved acquisition logistics processes and products, improved supportability and readiness of new and fielded systems, and most importantly, reliable and sustainable equipment for the soldiers in the field.

Keck, a logistics specialist for U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and product manager, for obscuration and decontamination systems, received this award for her performance as the ILS manager for the M58 Wolf mechanized smoke obscurant system. Through her initiative and management skills she led a combined ILS management team that included SBCCOM, U.S. Army Tank-automotive

& Armaments Command and U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command. Keck's leadership and expertise guided the M58 wolf mechanized smoke obscurant system in overcoming many intra-command obstacles in logistics, fielding and training areas.

The ODCSLOG director of sustainment will present the award to Keck on May 7 at the Joint-Government/Industry Supportability Information Exchange Symposium held in Huntsville, Ala.

The Product Manager Obscuration and Decontamination Systems manages the development, testing, integration, production, fielding, and total life-cycle support of assigned obscuration and decontamination systems. Part of their management responsibility is the full range of ILS services required to develop, produce, field, and maintain assigned systems. The PM Obscuration and Decontamination Systems is located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

USAMRICD nominated for Supply Excellence Award

By Cindy Kronman
MRICD

The U.S. Army Medical Command has selected the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense to be its nominee for the Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award for fiscal year 2001. MEDCOM's selection of the institute is based on MRICD's nomination by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

In his letter to MEDCOM nominating the MRICD, Maj. Gen. John S. Parker, commander, MRMC, commended MRICD for its "exceptional performance improvements, business process initiatives, and supply operations."

Parker also cited the excellent results received by the MRICD in its extensive Command Supply Discipline Program assessment, conducted by MRMC. As evident from these results, the MRICD "clearly demonstrated solid management controls and extraordinary efficiencies in their overall logistics and supply management operations, property and stock record accountability, and resource management functions."

Among its improvements in

logistics functions, MRICD streamlined the payment process for recurring vendors, thus reducing the amount of paper work and the number of individuals who review it. The result is a faster and more accurate payment to these vendors. Also, MRICD is in the process of implementing an internet-based paperless purchase request system, in coordination with the contracting office at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Conversion to the new system is expected during the second quarter of calendar year 2001.

In the next step of the award process, MRICD will be visited in mid-June by a CSA SEA inspection team, who will spend approximately three to four hours at the institute assessing operations in the Logistics Branch. Focusing primarily on the subject of property management, the team will examine hand receipt records to see how current and accurate they are, review supporting documentation files, standing operating procedures, and inventories, and evaluate MRICD's internal Command Supply Discipline Program.

ECBC one of three labs in the world certified

By Jim Allingham
ECBC

The Gillette Company selected the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center to conduct a toxicology validation study. The study will independently validate a new test developed by Gillette to determine the potential of a chemical to cause eye irritation and damage. ECBC is one of only three laboratories in the world certified to perform corneal epithelial cell assay.

The new test, "Human Corneal Trans-epithelial Permeability assay," was developed as an alternative to testing animals to determine a product's toxicity to eyes. Gillette chose the Molecular Engineering Team at ECBC, in addition to two other laboratories, to validate the effectiveness of this new method. A validation study is a major step in the process of getting Federal Drug Administration approval for a newly developed assay, and this would be the first approved eye irritability test that uses human cell culture rather than live animals.

Dr. James J. Valdes, head of ECBC's toxicology validation study for Gillette, said, "Consumer products such as makeup and shaving cream contain large numbers of ingredients which must be tested for ocular irritability. This assay has the potential to drastically reduce the number of animals required for these tests."

For more information about ECBC, visit <http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil> or contact the Public Affairs Office, at 410-436-4347.

Military Star card interest rate continues to drop

By Fred Blum
AAFES

DALLAS — The good news continues for Military Star cardholders. For the fourth time this year, the Federal Reserve has lowered key interest rates. Recently the interest rate was lowered by one half percent. As a result, banks also reduced their prime lending rate by the same percentage. With this newest reduction in interest rates, the Military Star card is reducing its interest rate from 12.75 percent to 12.25 percent, effective May 1.

The interest rate is computed by adding 4.75 percent to the U.S. prime rate. This decrease maintains the highly competitive rate of the Military Star card.

According to www.bankrate.com, bankcard variable interest rates now average as follows: standard cards, 16.43 percent; gold cards, 15.79 percent; and platinum cards, 15.75 percent. The Military Star card, which is not a bank card, is comparable to a private label credit card, similar to those offered by retailers such

as Sears, J.C. Penney, Home Depot and Target. Depending on a customer's payment history, these companies will offer interest rates ranging from 21 percent to 24.99 percent.

The Military Star card is accepted at all AAFES, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard exchanges, including catalog, the Exchange Online store and military clothing stores operated by AAFES and the Marine Corps.

As a reminder, the new rate does not apply to military clothing plans, special promotions already in existence, or customers on deployment whose balances are treated under special conditions or those who have balances at reduced rates. Deployment is defined as travel overseas in conjunction with JCS deployment orders.

Earnings from the card go back into military communities as morale, welfare and recreation dividends. For online information, visit www.aafes.com, www.usmc-mccs.org, or www.navy-nex.com.



Transforming the Army ... sustaining the environment and celebrating

EARTH DAY, from front page

opportunity to reinforce our commitment to our neighbors to enhance our environment,” Spidel said.

He detailed APG’s recycling program, noting “the same system used outside the post is used on the installation.”

“We urge everyone to continue to work together for the next generation. Remember, reduce, reuse and recycle,” Spidel added.

Also offering comments and participating in the planting were James Harkins, Harford County Executive; Havre de Grace Mayor Phil Barker; Bel Air Mayor Robert G. Cassilly, Aberdeen Mayor Douglas S. Wilson and Dr. Gunther Hirsch, president Harford County Council.

A large tent on the grounds held exhibits, displays and booths that were set up by post and local organizations.

APG exhibitors spent the day greeting the curious and explaining the roles their organizations play in helping to sustain the environment.

At the USAEC exhibit, Joe Ricci, technical advisor, and Cynthia Houston, national outreach team leader, displayed bulletins, posters and pamphlets explaining the organization’s programs.

“We’re here to promote an awareness of the Army’s extensive environmental programs,”

Houston said. Ricci added that most people who stopped by the exhibit expressed a curiosity about why the Army was involved in Earth Day.

“Events like this offer a lot of interaction with the community making others aware of our involvement,” Ricci said.

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center exhibit, manned by Jackie Mahan, environmental technician and Larry Birchfield, environmental scientist, displayed images of ATC’s environmental-friendly facilities. They included a Fire Safety Test Enclosure and a Close Loop Washing System, which uses citrus-based solvents.

“A lot of people are interested in what we do and they were pleased to learn the Army is an environmentally conscious organization,” Mahan said.

Jim Bailey and Katrina Harris answered questions for the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment’s, or DSHE’s, Environmental Cleanup Program.

Focusing on the installation restoration aspect, Bailey said adults and children expressed great concern and interest.

“Most already knew a little

about the programs and were pleased to learn more,” Bailey said.

The display included coloring books for children

aged by the office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization.

Manned by Mary Jeffers, Fran Murphy and Nancy Hoffman, the



and an interactive game testing their environmental knowledge.

A steady flow of visitors stopped by to chat with representatives at the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office man-

aged by the office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization. Manned by Mary Jeffers, Fran Murphy and Nancy Hoffman, the exhibit held informative brochures, complimentary gifts, a roster for those wishing to be added to the mailing list and a video explaining the office’s function.

“People want to learn more

about what’s going on around them,” Hoffman said.

She added that technical experts would be available throughout the day to answer questions “outside our realm of expertise.”

Representatives at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Research Laboratory display provided a demonstration on oil spill cleanup procedures. Dick Schwanke, environmental programs manager, and Laura Rodman, from the environmental water quality program, showed visitors how absorbent pads used in actual cleanups completely separate oil from the water.

The display held a “pot-pourri of chemical hazards,” demonstrating their dangers and how they can be detected and managed.

Schwanke used a radiation detector to reveal low levels of radiation in batteries, smoke detectors and old tachometers that were once used in military vehicles.

“We used to be unaware of the low levels of radiation around us,” Schwanke said. “Technology gives us the capability to reveal hazards so we can act to reduce them.”

In the closing ceremonies, Lanphear presented a scholarship to Joppatowne High School senior Scott DeBruyne who will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall

where he will major in forestry.

The annual scholarship is presented to a student who demonstrates an interest in the environment, is active in the community and who plans to study environmental programs. DeBruyne accepted the gift as his parents Bryant and Grace DeBruyne looked on.

“It’s a great honor for me,” DeBruyne said. “Incentives like this raises environmental consciousness in all of us.”

Exhibitors at the Harford County 2001 Earth Day Celebration included:

- Harford County Master Gardeners
- Maryland Cooperative Extension
- Harford Land Trust
- Harford Parks and Recreation
- Anita C. Leight Estuary Center
- Harford County Office of Recycling
- Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway
- Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer
- Harford County Bird Club
- Biotrek Naturalists
- Archaeological Society
- Ducks Unlimited
- Discover Harford Tourism
- Harford Commuter Assistance
- Susquehanna Environmental Center
- Sponsors included Batelle Industries and Harford Community College.

Grassroots movement creates Earth Day

Earth Day is an international event that demonstrates concern and mobilizes support for the environment. It was first celebrated April 22, 1970. It was conceived by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, who believed that the time had come to focus much needed attention on the state of the environment. Earth Day has rallied more than 20 million Americans to become involved in environmental “teachings.”

A grassroots movement in U.S. history, it has become the environmental movement. The event also sparked the first major pieces of environmental legislation - the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act - as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Earth Day’s legacy lives on in every environmental effort. The observance is recognized worldwide and has become a beacon to which many organizations, communities, government agencies, businesses and individuals are drawn every year.

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center’s Jackie Mahan, left, and Larry Birchfield, wear their Earth Day T-shirts, at ATC’s exhibit displaying environmental-friendly facilities.



Above, Thomas Schueler, 10, loves snakes so much he allowed one to wrap itself around his head. Left, Joe Ricci, and Cynthia Houston, technical advisors for the U.S. Army Environmental Center, await visitors to the USAEC display at the Harford County 2001 Earth Day Celebration at Swan Harbor Farm. Several Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations provided informative briefings, demonstrations and literature to visitors at the annual event.

Right, post and local leaders participate in a ceremonial tree-planting during the joint Harford County and Aberdeen Proving Ground Earth Day 2001 Celebration at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace. From left, Havre de Grace Mayor Phil Barker; Lt. Col. Thomas Frendak, U.S. Army Environmental Center; James Harkins, Harford County Executive; Bel Air Mayor Robert G. Cassilly; Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Aberdeen Mayor Douglas S. Wilson and Dr. Gunther Hirsch, president Harford County Council.



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Photo illustration by DIANE BURRIER
Top insert, enjoying the wonders of the waters on the Swan Harbor Farm shoreline are Tammy Spinner, right, and her niece Dacey Spinner, 2, from Joppatowne.



Above, Craig Lanphear, chair of the Harford County Earth Day committee, presents a \$500 scholarship to Joppatowne High School senior, Scott DeBruyne, as his parents, Bryant and Grace DeBruyne, look on.



Sophia Sterling of Belcamp and Mark McDaniels of Havre de Grace select pine seedlings from a display inside the Earth Day exhibits tent.



16th Ordnance Battalion holds up Food Bank

Soldiers celebrate with Fun Run

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Topping off a season of giving, the soldiers of the 16th Ordnance Battalion finished their traditional food drive for the Harford/Cecil County Food Bank with the Fifth Annual Harvest for the Hungry Run, a 5-kilometer trot down Route 22.

Led by battalion commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Moore and battalion Command Sgt. Maj. David Bashford the battalion collected 5,325 pounds of canned goods for needy families.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, the program’s creator, ran in the position of honor with the road guards.

Rev. William R. McNally, executive director of the food bank, said it was the largest single donation of food the bank had ever received.

“They exceeded last year’s total by 12 percent,” McNally said.

He praised post and battalion leaders adding, “the 16th Ordnance Battalion makes this happen every year, never missing a beat despite changes in the command.”

Family members, civilians and



Lt. Col. Kevin Moore, commander, 16th Ordnance Battalion, leads the way as his battalion returns from the 5-kilometer Harvest for the Hungry Run held April 21. The battalion donated more than 5,000 pounds in canned foods and non-perishables to the Harford/Cecil County Food Bank during the annual food drive begun in 1997 by former battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas.

even pets ran ahead of the unit on the run from the Aberdeen Boulevard gate, down Route 22 to Paradise Road and back.

McNally’s mother, Sue McNally and his sister, Bonnie Lockhart monitored runners’ times at the gate.

“We’ve been out here every year since the run’s existence, Sue McNally said. “It’s a family thing.”

Complimentary refreshments and awards were given to individual and teams following the run. Referring to the event as “Posadas’ legacy,” Moore said he was “absolutely proud of the bat-

talion’s record,” and that the tradition will continue.

The team award for the run went to Company C, and Company B received the award for donating the most food, he added.

Eighty-seven individual runners joined the soldiers in their run, according to Sgt. 1st Class Roger Graves, battalion S-3.

“Every year people come out to join in the run. Some for the challenge, others for the exercise,” Graves said. “This way we help ourselves while helping others.”

Auto Center gearing up for Military Appreciation Week

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Military Appreciation Week is fast approaching and local merchants, on and off post, are preparing savings and specials for Aberdeen Proving Ground’s military community.

Off to a running start is Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Automotive Craft Center located in building 2379 behind the Bowling Alley.

Managed by Cal Adams, the center is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, noon to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is closed Monday and Tuesday.

The facility does not close on Fridays for the compressed work schedule.

“We’re open every Friday unless it’s a federal holiday,” Adams said.

The Automotive Craft Center offers a safe environment for do-it-yourselfers to work on their vehicles. Bay and tool rentals, reference manuals and friendly advice from the shop’s staff are just some of the benefits of using the facility.

There is a full-time mechanic on staff to answer questions and a secure lot to store vehicles for \$3 per day or \$15 per week, Adams said.

“People go TDY or on emergency leave and don’t want to leave their cars in the driveway,” he added. “It’s one less thing you have to worry about while you’re away.”

To show its appreciation for the military, the shop will offer \$1 discounts on bay rentals. Tools are included in the rental fee.

Patrons agreed the shop is “a good deal.”

“The staff was very helpful here. They had everything I needed,” said Staff Sgt. Scott Murphy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Murphy was using the shop for the first time, replacing brake



Staff Sgt. Scott Murphy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, smiles as he finishes replacing brake calipers on his 1990 Nissan Maxima in the Automotive Craft Center. A first-time user of the facility, Murphy said he was pleased with the equipment and the service.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

The staff of Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Automotive Craft Shop, display their appreciation for APG servicemembers. The shop will offer \$1 discounts on all bay fees, May 20 to 26 in honor of Military Appreciation Week. From left, John Malec automotive instructor, Cal Adams, manager and David Hall, tool room attendant.

calipers on his 1990 Nissan Maxima.

2nd Lt. Eric Hedlund, with the Officer Basic Course, Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion, said the facility was convenient and economical as he pulled maintenance on his 1989 Chevy S-10 pickup.

“They have everything you need and they don’t charge an arm and a leg for it,” Hedlund said.

Staff Sgt. Augustin Taveras stopped by enroute to Officers

Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., to work on his vehicle

Once assigned to APG’s Headquarters Support Troop, Taveras said he used the facility regularly while he was stationed here.

“It’s convenient and the service is great,” Taveras said. “If these guys can’t help you, they’ll tell you who can.”

For more information about the Automotive Craft Center, call Adams at 410-278-2884/5178.